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OF A MOTOR VEHICLE

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem relevant to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

The relevance of the DE 3024312 reference to the subject matter of the present invention is given in the <u>Background and Summary of the Invention</u> in the specification of the present invention.

An English abstract summarizing the disclosure of the German publication is submitted herewith.

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